



ORDER 97-3-30

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Served: March 26, 1997

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 20th day of March, 1997

Essential air service at
MATTOON, ILLINOIS
under 49 U.S.C. 4173 <i>et seq.</i>

Docket OST-96-1955

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

On November 18, 1996, Great Lakes filed a 90-day notice to suspend service at Mattoon, Illinois, effective February 17, 1997.¹ Great Lakes provided that service subsidy free. By Order 97-1-21, January 30, 1997, we prohibited Great Lakes from suspending service beyond the end of its 90-day notice period, through March 20, 1997, and we requested proposals from interested carriers to provide replacement service.

On February 18, 1997, we received a proposal from Great Lakes to provide subsidized service at Mattoon to O'Hare Airport. We are currently holding rate discussions with the carrier. However, since this case will not be completed before the end of the current 30-day hold-in period, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation at Mattoon for an additional 30 days, through April 21, 1997, or until replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR Part 385.

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We require Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., to maintain essential air service at Mattoon, Illinois, as set forth in Appendix D of Order 97-1-21, for an additional 30-day period through April 21, 1997, or until a carrier capable of providing reliable replacement service actually begins service, whichever occurs first;
2. We direct Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support claims for payment and to preserve and maintain such

¹ Great Lakes simultaneously filed to suspend service at Danville and Galesburg, Illinois, and Muncie, Indiana. See Order 97-1-21.

² In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation for successive 30-day periods as necessary until replacement service actually begins.

documentation in a manner that readily permits the audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order; and

3. We will serve a copy of this order on the mayor and airport manager of Mattoon, Illinois, the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the City of Chicago-Department of Aviation, and Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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Director
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